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Adoption of the report of the Forum on its thirteenth session

Draft report

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Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The United Nations Forum on Forests held its thirteenth session at United Nations Headquarters on 5 May 2017 and from 7 to 11 May 2018. The Forum held __ plenary meetings (1st to __).

2. At the 1st meeting, on 5 May 2017, the Chair pro tempore and Chair of the twelfth session of the Forum, Peter Besseau (Canada), opened the thirteenth session.

3. At the 2nd meeting, on 7 May 2018, the Chair of the thirteenth session, Muhammad Shahrul Ikram Yaakob (Malaysia), resumed the session and made an opening statement.

4. At the same meeting, the President of the Economic and Social Council, Marie Chatardová (Czechia), addressed the Forum.

5. Also at the same meeting, opening statements were made by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Liu Zhenmin, and the Director of the Forum Secretariat, Manoel Sobral Filho.

6. At the 3rd meeting, on 7 May 2018, the Chair of the sixty-second session of the Commission on the Status of Women, Geraldine Byrne Nason (Ireland), made a statement.

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B. Election of officers

7. At its 1st meeting, on 5 May 2017, the Forum elected, by acclamation, Muhammad Shahrul Ikram Yaakob (Malaysia) as Chair and Macharia Kamau

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(Kenya), Tomas Krejzar (Czechia), Luciana Melchert Saguas Presas (Brazil) and Maureen Whelan (Canada), as Vice-Chairs of the thirteenth session.

8. At the 2nd meeting, on 7 May 2018, the Forum elected, by acclamation, Koki Muli Grignon (Kenya), to complete the term of office of Macharia Kamau (Kenya).

9. At the same meeting, the Forum appointed Luciana Melchert Saguas Presas (Brazil) to serve concurrently as Rapporteur of the thirteenth session.

C. Agenda and organization of work

10. At the 2nd meeting, on 7 May 2018, the Forum adopted its provisional agenda for the session as contained in document E/CN.18/2018/1, with the addition of a new agenda item, as orally proposed by Switzerland, in accordance with rule 8 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, entitled "Information on the reform of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs pertaining to the United Nations Forum on Forests". The agenda, as amended, read as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Implementation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030:
   (a) Policy dialogue on the thematic and operational priorities, priority actions and resource needs for the period 2017–2018, taking into account the review cycle of the high-level political forum on sustainable development during the biennium and the theme of the International Day of Forests;
   (b) Voluntary announcement of voluntary national contributions;
   (c) United Nations system-wide contributions to the implementation of the global forest goals and targets;
   (d) Development of the communication and outreach strategy for the strategic plan.
4. Monitoring, assessment and reporting:
   (a) Progress on the implementation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030, including the United Nations forest instrument and voluntary national contributions;
   (b) Progress on the development of global forest indicators.
5. Means of implementation:
   (a) Progress on the activities and operation of the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network;
   (b) Guidelines for the operation of the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network;
   (c) Measures to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network.
6. Emerging issues and challenges.
7. Trust fund for the United Nations Forum on Forests.

8. Information on intersessional activities.

9. Progress on the implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 2015/33.

10. Information on the reform of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs pertaining to the Forum on Forests.

11. Date and venue for the fourteenth session of the Forum.

12. Provisional agenda for the fourteenth session of the Forum.

13. Adoption of the report of the Forum on its thirteenth session.

11. Also at its 2nd meeting, the Forum approved the provisional organization of work for the session, as circulated in an informal paper in English only, on the understanding that it might be further revised, as warranted.

D. Attendance

12. In accordance with paragraph 4 of Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/35, the Forum is composed of all States Members of the United Nations and of the specialized agencies, with full and equal participation. The list of participants will be issued as document E/CN.18/2018/INF/1.

E. Documentation

13. The documentation considered by the Forum at its thirteenth session is available from the website of the Forum at http://www.un.org/esa/forests/forum/current-session/index.html.